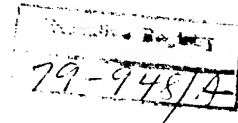


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Dear

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Thanks for your thoughtful note and good wishes. I really did get a chuckle out of the article from the Armed Forces Journal which I had not seen. It's great to find something amusing about myself in the papers for a change!

I retired simply because it was clear I was not going to go back into military service, and therefore it was wise to make a final and clean break. I think the decision was accelerated a few months by the Congressional action on retired pay but not derivative from that. My interest in ASW, AMCM, and other things Navy still persists, however--and always will.

Thanks for your thoughtfulness. All the best.

Yours,

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